



414 Rec'd PCT/PTO 27 DEC 2000

PCT \$

PATENT

ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. 00246/505003

Certificate of Mailing: Date of Deposit: December 20, 2000

I hereby certify under 37 C.F.R. § 1.8(a) that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as **first class mail** with sufficient postage on the date indicated above and is addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

Susan M. Barry

Printed name of person mailing correspondence

Susan M. Barry
Signature of person mailing correspondence

RECEIVED

MAY 09 2003

TECH CENTER 1600/2900

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: George O'Toole et al.

Art Unit: Not yet Assigned

Serial No.: 09/673,605

Examiner: Not yet Assigned

Filed: October 17, 2000

Title: REGULATION OF BIOFILM FORMATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Kindly amend the application as follows.

01/03/2001 TV0111

00000070 09673605

01 FC:198

332.00 OP

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 23, 36, and 38 as follows.

23. (Amended) The method of claim 40 [22], wherein *sad* polypeptide is encoded by a *Pseudomonas fluorescens sad* gene.

36. (Amended) The method of claim 34, wherein at least 5% [10%, 25%, 50%,